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**Date:** Sun, Apr 6, 2003 7:02 PM  
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**Subject:** BIG MEDIA

Dear Mr. Powell and FCC Commissioners:

In the interest of the public good, I urge all of you to NOT support policies that would allow the major media corporations to continue buying up independent/smaller companies.

As a citizen, I do not want to see a handful of huge media corporations dictating what I see and watch on the airwaves. I beleive that this would help to undermine what is left of the democratic process in our country.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was a deregulation mistake, and it has had far reaching negative effects on the public good.

Please, do the right thing and don't allow a few media conglomerates to take control and dominate the telecommunications business complex.

Respectfully,  
Rachael Davis  
New Britain, CT

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**Subject:** Broadcast ownership

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